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MILITARY SITUATION:

1. THE LEVEL OF COMBAT ACTIVITY INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER THE
PREVIOUS WEEK, ALTHOUGH REMAINING BELOW THE MINI- HIGHPOINT
WHICH HAD OCCURRED AT THE END OF THAT REPORTING PERIOD. COM-
MUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AVERAGED 22 A DAY UP FROM 20 A
DAY. FRIENDLY KIA INCREASED FROM 8 TO 10 PER DAY, AND FRIENDLY
ARTILLERY FIRINGS INCREASED MODERATELY FROM 2000 TO 2200
ROUNDS PER DAY. A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEEK WAS THE VIR-
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TUAL CESSATION OF MAJOR INCIDENTS IN NORTHERN I CORPS DURING THE LAST 3 DAYS OF THE REPORTING WEEK. ACTIVITY REMAINED HIGHEST IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

2. THE 78 TH RANGER BN WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE IN DUC DUC DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK BEGAN REGROUPING BUT REMAINED UNDER FIRE DURING THE EARLY PART OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD. AT WEEKS END THE 78 TH WAS AGAIN IN HEAVY CONTACT IN AN ACTION WHICH HAD COMMENCED JUST PRIOR TO THE CEASEFIRE.

3. A MAJOR DEPLOYMENT OF FRIENDLY FORCES NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS COMMENCED ON JUNE 12 AND WAS NEARING COMPLETION BY JUNE 16. THIS MOVE RECONSTITUTED THE TOARS OF THE MARINE, AIRBORNE, AND 1 ST INFANTRY DIVISIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- MARINE DIVISION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE NORTHERN FRONT IN QUANG TRI. IT HAS PICKED UP THE FRONT WEST OF QUANG TRI CITY FROM THE AIRBORNE. IN THAT AREA IT HAS ASSIGNED THE 51 ST ARVN REGIMENT, PLACED UNDER ITS OPCON FROM THE 1 ST DIVISION.

- THE AIRBORNE DIVISION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TOAR SOUTH OF THE MY CHANH RIVER EXTENDING TO THE PIEDMONT IN THE WEST AND THE PHA TAM GIANG LAGOON ON THE EAST. ITS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY IS DEFINED BY THE SONG BO (RIVER) UNTIL APPROXIMATELY YD 610223; THEN IT GOES STRAIGHT TO THE PHA TAM GIANG LAGOON ON A NORTHEASTERLY AXIS. THIS CONFIGURATION GIVES THE AIRBORNE DIVISION SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRITICAL CO BI-AN LO SALIENT.

- THE 1 ST ARVN AND TERRITORIAL FORCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REST OF THE PROVINCE. THIS REDEPLOYMENT WAS INITIATED AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS OF POSTPONEMENT RESULTING FROM CONCERNS OF A POSSIBLE ENEMY HIGHPOINT PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS COMMUNIQUE.

4. CEASEFIRE DEVELOPMENTS:

MUCH OF THE WEEK HAD A SENSE OF ANTICIPATION, AWAITING NEWS FROM PARIS OF THE SIGNING OF THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE ESTABLISH-
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MENT OF THE SECOND CEASEFIRE EFFORT. WHEN NEWS FINALLY CAME OF THE SIGNING, ATTITUDES IN DANANG WERE MIXED, RANGING FROM PESSIMISTIC TO GUARDEDLY HOPEFUL. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST CIVILIAN REACTION WAS NEGATIVE, A NUMBER OF MIDDLE RANKING ARVN OFFICERS EXPRESSED GUARDED HOPES FOR ITS SUCCESS.

5. ICCS ACTIVITY:

THE ICCS REGION I CANDELS REMAINED MODERATELY ACTIVE DURING
THE WEEK. THE CANDEL AT PHU BAI INTERROGATED AN NVA POW AND
THE GIO LINH CANDEL CONTINUED FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE PRG NORTH OF THE THACH HAN RIVER IN QUANG TRI ON SUPPORT
AND MOBILITY PROBLEMS OF THE GIO LINH TEAM.
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